

Goodfellow, Pte. Lawrence, D Co.; Pipe Sgt. Clarke, Pte. W. H. Brown, E Co.; Sgt. Boadhurst, Sgt. McCormick, F Co.; Sgt. Minn, Bugler Larke. Executive officer, Capt. Lydon; captain of team, Maj. E. B. Ibbotson; hon. secretary-treasurer, Bugler Sgt. Broadhurst; assistant secretary-treasurer, Col. Sergt. J. Currie; delegates to M.A.R.A., Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock, Col. Sgt. Currie and Bugler Sgt. Broadhurst; representative D.R.A., Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock; representative to P.Q.R.A., Major Ibbotson. It was decided to ask the ranges for September 8th for the annual matches of the association and regiment.

Major W. B. T. Macaulay, the officer commanding the Sixth Fusiliers during the absence of Lt. Col. Burland, on leave, and the officers of the regiment held a very enjoyable musical and social on the evening of March 2 at their armory, the first of others to come. Those present were: Lt. Col. and Mrs. Massey, Major and Mrs. Seath; Miss Mutchmor, of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. McEvers, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthy, Miss McGarry, Miss Sargeant, Miss Small, Miss Noon, Miss Chambers, Miss Ella Walker, Miss Ada Moylan, Miss Dean, Miss F. Morris, Capt. and Lt. Hughes, of Gloucester, Eng., R.A.; Capt. McAvittie, of the 62nd, N.B.; Capt. Chambers, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Findlay, Capt. McLaren, Lts. Henderson, Wilson, Converse and Burland, Dr. Tatley and Miss Tatley, Mr. Heriot, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, H. M. Killaly, Mr. Colin and Mr. Douglas Nond, Mr. Bellhouse, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. A. G. Cunningham.

The men of Nos. 3 and 6 companies of the Victoria rifles, seventy members and four sergeants, Captain Meakins in command, and accompanied by Captain Ogilvie, headed by their bugle band, marched out to the Athletic club house on Thursday evening, March 1st. A jolly time was passed. A programme consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was given by Col. Sgt. Routh, Corporals Stewart, Harley, Rose, D. McGill, and Privates Jackson and Morrison, etc. A tug-of-war between the two companies was arranged, which ended in a draw, after which supper was attacked, and the boys marched home, having had a most enjoyable outing.

The Sixth Fusiliers have engaged a new band of thirty pieces for the coming season, that of the Sons of England Benevolent Society. An entire set of new instruments have been ordered and the band expects to receive them within the next few weeks. All the members of the band will be sworn in and made subject to the ordinary discipline of the militia.

Things are decidedly busy at the St. Johns barracks at present, and the members of No. 3 Co., R.R.C.I., which has been recently strengthened by a draft of thirteen recruits from Fredericton, good stout men, have all their work cut out for them as there are forty-eight members of different corps taking a course in the new drill.

Mr. F. W. Hibbard has been accepted as an officer of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, and as soon as gazetted as second lieutenant will be assigned to a company.

The party accompanying Sgt. Morgans from Kingston was composed of Sgt. d'Amour, B Battery, R.C.A.; Mr. Elmer, Mr. Horsey, Sgt. Bouthillier, B Battery, R.C.A.; Gunner Burke, B Battery, R.C.A., champion amateur middle-weight of Pennsylvania and British Columbia.

OTTAWA.

A meeting of the council of the Dominion Rifle Association was held March 9th. Among the officers were Lt. Cols. Henshaw, Massey and Starke, Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock, of Montreal. The local officers present were Lt. Cols. White, Wright, Anderson, Macdonald, Macpherson, Toller and Bacon, Majors Perley and Sherwood. The only business transacted was the approval of the annual report. The annual meeting of the association will be held on April 4. His Excellency the Governor General is expected to be present. A meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association will be held the next day.

FREDERICTON.

Military circles in New Brunswick are agitated just now over the proper constitution of the guard of honor for the opening of the Legislature at Fredericton. The company of permanent militia at the capital, in accordance with the rules and regulations, furnished the guard, but as its band was disbanded some months ago by order of General Herbert, the music for the ceremony could not be furnished by this corps. The services of the York county battalion band, which was offered for the occasion were declined. In the refusal of the commandant to accept their band, the Fredericton Volunteer militia see a disposition to regard them as inferior to the permanent corps and they propose to resent the affront at the first possible opportunity.

Our Service Contemporaries.

The infantry battalions to go across to Ireland this year are the 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire (15th), at Preston; the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (27th), at Dover; and 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (45th), at Colchester. The battalion longest in England is the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (5th), which came over from Newry to Colchester in July, 1887. Next stands the 2nd Battalion Leinster Regiment (109th), which was moved from Limerick Shorncliffe in January, 1888, and then the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment (10th), moved from Dublin to Shorncliffe in April, 1888. These three battalions are not to be sent over owing to their position on the roster for foreign service. After them stands the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (27th), returned from South Africa January, 1889 (ordered over); then the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment (22nd), returned from Burma February, 1889; then the 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers (7th); and eighth on the roster the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (45th) (ordered over).

The formation of a Volunteer Reserve is again being suggested. A Surrey Volunteer officer has put forward a scheme for the formation of a reserve which would not cost anything to the nation. It is that when men resign from their corps they should be invited to register their names as being willing to rejoin their corps if called upon, and should undertake to do a few drills each year. They would not be provided with uniform, and no capitation grant would be paid with respect to any of them. The matter has been much discussed, and many veteran volunteer officers, notably the Duke of Westminster, are in favour of utilising in this way the services of the well-trained men who each year resign, and who are now lost to the force, but the authorities say there is no necessity for a reserve of Volunteers—and there is not—though a good many think otherwise. They urge that it is necessary that the Volunteer force should have a reserve to

fill up the gaps in the ranks that would be caused by the ravages of war in the event of the citizen army ever being called upon to take the field, and as an argument in favour of the scheme, it is pointed out that years ago the authorities were opposed to a reserve in connection with the Regular Army, though it is now admitted, on all hands, that the Army Reserve is absolutely necessary.

After lasting thirteen days, the cordite case was finished in the Chancery Division on Wednesday. After hearing Mr. Moulton, for the Nobel Company, in reply, Mr. Justice Romer gave judgment, and came to the conclusion that Mr. Nobel in his patent, meant to use soluble nitro-cellulose and not the insoluble kind. If Mr. Nobel had included the insoluble in his patent it might not have been valid, and he could not be allowed to take away from the persons who had solved the problem of using the insoluble the benefits of their success. He held there was no infringement of ballistite and dismissed the action.

A granite cross, the cost of which will be defrayed by public subscription, is to be erected to the memory of Col. Pearse in Hatherleigh churchyard. There will be four panels at the base—one will bear the name and age of the deceased officer; the second will notify that he won the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon in 1875; the third that he was champion at Creedmoor, America, in 1881; and the fourth panel will record the fact that the memorial was provided by subscription, as above stated.

In order to further perpetuate Colonel Pearse's memory among the shooting men of Devonshire, it was resolved at a meeting of the County Volunteer Association held a few days ago to institute a challenge plate, to be called "The Pearse Prize," to be competed for by company teams at the annual county meeting, as a mark of the council's appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Lt. Col. Pearse to the Volunteer force in Devon, especially by his efforts to advance company, battalion, and team shooting; and that the special committee entrusted with the carrying out of the arrangements of the prize meeting be empowered to spend a sum of £20 in the purchase of the Pearse Prize.

Strong opposition is being evinced to the proposal to merge the Royal Horse Artillery into the Royal Artillery, and the disadvantages attending its adoption would, it is thought, far outweigh the advantages it has been claimed would accrue from the incorporation of the two forces. If it be desired to mount more men and place fewer on the gun carriages in the Royal Artillery, it is not seen why this cannot be done without interfering with the Royal Horse Artillery. There is not, either, thought to be much in the argument that incorporation would lead to a simplification of organisation. The esprit de corps so strongly existing in the Royal Horse Artillery should not be wantonly tampered with, and, though a minor matter, it would not be without regret that the most brilliant of our uniforms would be seen to disappear.—United Service Gazette.

By the death of Colonel Baron G. de Rottenburg, C.B., a vacancy has occurred for a Military Knight of Windsor on the Royal Foundation. This will be filled by the advancement of an officer on the Lower Foundation, a fresh appointment being made to the latter.

The Admiralty have, it is said, decided to draft into the Navy fifty junior officers and 900 men of the Royal Naval Reserve, to be enrolled and serve on for pension. This is to be tried as an ex-